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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, US, GW  
SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE

REF: A) STATE 175394; B) STATE 186335;  
B) BONN 12590

1. SUMMARY: MFA OFFICIALS DO NOT VIEW USG SCENARIO (REF A) AS BINDING IN ALL DETAILS, PARTICULARLY RE MEMBERSHIP CEILINGS FOR THREE COMMISSIONS AND QUESTION OF FOURTH COMMISSION. THEIR RESERVE SUGGESTS STRONG FRG SUSPICION THAT USG APPROACH RISKS CONFRONTATION AND COLLAPSE OF PREPCON II. END SUMMARY

2. WE SPOKE AGAIN WITH KRUSE (MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR ENERGY, WHO RAISED ORIGINAL QUESTIONS REF C) AUGUST 8 TO RESUME DISCUSSION ON BASIS REF B. KRUSE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR QUICK USG RESPONSE BUT WAS NOT ENTIRELY PERSUADED BY IT. BASIC FRG CONCERNS RE USG SCENARIO REMAIN.

3. RE COMMISSIONS, KRUSE REGRETTED USG RESPONSE HAD NOT ADDRESSED HIS QUERY AS TO HOW MEMBERS WOULD BE SELECTED. WE REFERRED HIM TO ORIGINAL SCENARIO (PARA 2A, REF A). APPARENTLY BASING HIS VIEW ON LONG EXPERIENCE IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, KRUSE INSISTED IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO LIMIT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSIONS TO 15. PRESSED FOR REASONS, HE CLAIMED NEITHER WISCHNEWSKI NOR FRIDERICHs HAD RECEIVED EXPLICIT WARNINGS IN THIS REGARD. FRG SYNOPSIS OF THEIR SOUNDINGS, WHICH HE READ ALOUD, NOTED AGREEMENT ONLY THAT COMMISSION MEMBERSHIPS WOULD BE "LESS THAN 27." SUMMING UP, KRUSE  
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SAID FRG DOES NOT REGARD "15" AS SACROSANCT AND THEREFORE ANY WRANGLE OVER IT MUST NOT ENDANGER PREPCON II. HE DOUBTED USG CONTENTION (PARA 1, REF B) THAT MEMBERSHIP ISSUE HAD BEEN "THOROUGHLY VETTED."

4. AS TO FOURTH COMMISSION, KRUSE SAID THAT SCHMIDT

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IS PERSONALLY "WELL-DISPOSED" TO IDEA. HE MADE PLAIN THAT FRG WILL NOT OPPOSE SAUDI WISH IN THIS REGARD. HE CLAIMED THAT, OF OPEC STATES RECENTLY CONTACTED BY FRG, ONLY VENEZUELA HAD BEEN HOSTILE TO FOURTH COMMISSION CONCEPT. FRG POSITION IS THEREFORE THAT (1) SOME FINANCIAL QUESTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER PREPCON II, (2) SAG MOST "MODERATE" PRODUCER AND MUST NOT BE ALIENATED BY CONSUMER RESISTANCE TO IDEA WHICH IT CONSIDERS VITAL, (3) FIGHT OVER FOURTH COMMISSION MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO JEOPARDIZE CHANCE OF DIALOGUE.

5. WE EARLIER PASSED USG POSITION (REF BTO BECKER (DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ECONOMICS MINISTRY), PER BONN 12773.

6. COMMENT: AT SENIOR WORKING LEVEL, FRG WILLING TO FOLLOW GENERAL USG LEAD BUT CLEARLY DOES NOT REGARD ITSELF AS BOUND TO ALL DETAILS OF OUR SCENARIO FOR RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE. OUR ARGUMENT THAT IEA UNITY IS ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE FOR SUCCESSFUL DIALOGUE DID NOT SUFFICE TO OVERCOME STILL LATENT FRG FEAR THAT USG COURSE IS DRIFTING TOWARD CONFRONTATION, WHICH A MORE VULNERABLE EUROPE CANNOT AFFORD. END COMMENT.  
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